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COUNTRY Rumania REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Soviet Troops leaving Timisoara and Arad

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REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1C [REDACTED]

1. Some of the Soviet troops quartered in the former 5th Rifle Regt Barracks, Timisoara (R 16/T 91), left the town toward Sannicolaul Mare (Y 7/T 55) between 7 and 10 April 1950. The march column consisted of trucks carrying troops and mounted rocket launchers, some with the [REDACTED] (the last two with mounted rocket launchers). The Soviet troops who remained in the barracks arrived in Timisoara on 2 April 1950.

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2. Soviet troops simultaneously left the Transylvanian Barracks, heading in the same direction. They were equipped with "heavy artillery tanks with toothed wheels in line"

3. Soviet troops left the Arad (R 16/U 06) fortress toward Curtici (R 16/U 17) on 9 April 1950, according to an Arad informant. Their [REDACTED]

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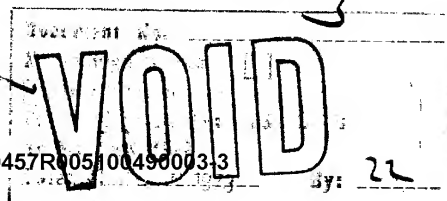
25X1C [REDACTED] Comment:

The troops who left Timisoara were believed to have been ones who arrived there in November 1949.

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Comment:

25X1C a. According to their motor vehicle numbers and their armament, the troops who left the former 5th Rifle Regt Barracks were probably the rocket launcher units which were observed to move into the barracks on 19 November 1949 *.
The troops who moved into the barracks on 2 April 1950 ** were apparently still there on 10 April 1950 (trucks with coupled AA guns and other artillery pieces had been seen parked in the barrack yard).

b. The units which left the Timisoara Transylvanian Barracks (probably SP artillery units) and the troops who departed from Arad had been observed in the towns in December 1949 and March 1950*.
It is considered possible that the units left their quarters for field exercises or for troop training grounds, i.e., about the time when troops in the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria started moving to troop training grounds.

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